

many services, they minister to the youth with different programs that aim to teach and encourage young kids to grow in their faith. They also support missionaries across the globe who are working selflessly to bring aid and the love of Christ to those in need.

For the years of service and their commitment to helping others, it is my pleasure to recognize the 70th Anniversary of the First Assembly of God in the House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF ANNE J. MALLORY

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anne J. Mallory who began her career in education in 1978. During her 36-year career, Anne served in many roles, including teaching assignments ranging from first grade to middle school language arts, Title VI resource teacher, principal, district superintendent and several positions at the Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE).

Anne began at ICOE in 2001, where she served in increasingly more responsible roles and was appointed as the Imperial County Superintendent of Schools in July 2009 after the retirement of her predecessor. In 2010, Anne J. Mallory ran unopposed in her re-election for County Superintendent. Throughout her educational career and tenure at ICOE, Anne received many awards and accolades recognizing her excellence in education as a teacher and administrator.

I would like to commend Anne J. Mallory for her 36-years of dedication to ICOE's staff, faculty, and students and commitment to expanding and improving educational services in Imperial County as County Superintendent for the last five years.

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO
REPUBLIC FC

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sacramento Republic FC as the 2014 United Soccer League's (USL) Professional Division Champions in their inaugural season. As the team's players, coaches, fans and the Tower Bridge Battalion gather to celebrate, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the team for its remarkable success.

The Sacramento Republic FC began their season strong, immediately breaking the single game attendance record for a USL Pro game with an attendance of 20,231 passionate fans cheering them on. The Sacramento Republic FC's triumph continued throughout the season. It was obvious the Sacramento fans immediately became passionate about the Republic, as evident through the various attendance records the team set. The team sold out tickets to the majority of their games and obliterated the USL Pro record for attendance in a season, drawing more than 158,000 loyal fans to their home

games at Hughes Stadium and Bonney Field. The previous single season record was just over 112,000. Their outstanding record of 12–2–2 in the regular season only built suspense for their dramatic playoff run. Hosting all three playoff games in front of a raucous crowd, the Sacramento Republic FC embodied Sacramento's spirit and concluded their magnificent inaugural season with a championship.

The success of the Sacramento Republic FC brought a great sense of unity and comradery to the Sacramento Region. The Tower Bridge Battalion could be heard each game, giving their support by chanting a song for the team. Every game was filled with laughs, excitement, and anticipation by the fans and the team lived up to its motto "Urbs Indomita," translating to mean "The Indomitable City." That mantra swept through the city and was evident throughout the playoffs. The Sacramento Republic FC never failed to impress and their season ended with an exciting 2–0 victory in the USL Pro Championship game over the Harrisburg City Islanders in front of a capacity crowd at Bonney Field.

The Sacramento Republic FC's victories and wins could not have been possible without a total team effort, including the coaches, the founders, and their dedicated fans. From co-founders Warren Smith and Joe Wagoner to investors Kevin Nagle and Larry Kelley to the animated Head Coach Predrag "Preki" Radosavljević, everyone involved in the team made it a success.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Sacramento Republic FC for winning the 2014 USL Pro Championship. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating them for their hard work, dedication, and their victory as the USL Pro Champions.

HONORING NOAH WELBORN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Noah Welborn. Noah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Noah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Noah has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Noah has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Noah built a fence around the community garden at Lillian Schumacher Elementary School in Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Noah Welborn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING LORI PELLETIER, 2014
RECIPIENT OF THE ELLA T.
GRASSO AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, each year the Connecticut Democratic Party recognizes the contributions of a woman whose leadership, vision, and hard work has served to improve the status of women in our state with an award named in honor of former Governor Ella T. Grasso. It is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many friends and colleagues who have gathered in extending my heartfelt congratulations to this year's honoree, Lori Pelletier, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL–CIO.

Lori began her career as machinist at Pratt & Whitney in the 1990s. Rising through the ranks and recognizing the economic and personal challenges so many of her brothers and sisters in the labor movement faced, she became involved in the Connecticut AFL–CIO organization and served in its number 2 position for 14 years. Just last Fall, with her incomparable passion, drive, and dedication, Lori broke the proverbial glass ceiling becoming the first woman elected to lead Connecticut's largest labor federation—and she was elected to the post unanimously.

When I reflect on all of her good work and many contributions to both the labor movement and public discourse Lori has made over the years, it brings to mind a quote that has served as an inspiration to me for many years. In 1933 my mother wrote an article in the 10th Ward Democratic newsletter in which she said, "It is not my intention to be critical, rather my motive in writing this article is to encourage the female members of this organization to take a more active part in its affairs. We are not living in the middle ages when a woman's part in life was merely to serve her master in her home, but we have gradually taken our place in every phase of human endeavor, and even in the here-to-for stronghold of the male sex: politics. I have noticed that the girls, unlike the men, are timid in asserting themselves, and many a good idea is lost, having been suppressed by its creator. Come on girls, let's make ourselves heard."

An advocate for the hard-working men and women of Connecticut, a driving force in the public policy debates of our state legislature, and truly one of the hardest working women I have ever had the pleasure of collaborating with, Lori has and continues to make herself heard. She is a powerhouse—a respected voice on issues ranging from workers' compensation and unemployment compensation to corporate accountability and workers' rights. There are few individuals who better reflect the spirit in which the Ella T. Grasso Award is bestowed.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank Lori for her many years of friendship. Like so many of those gathered today, I have often sought her advice and counsel and she has always been there. I am honored to again extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lori Pelletier on this very special recognition. My friend—our work is not yet complete and I look forward to standing with you as we continue the fight on behalf of working families for safe

workplaces, fair wages, and secure retirements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 520. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 520.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,946,228,427,416.76. We've added \$7,319,351,378,503.68 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL BAEZ ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, when deployed abroad our men and women in uniform face some of the most challenging, and adverse conditions possible—often staring down death or forced to cope with the loss of friends and comrades in arms. To help deal with such trauma, servicemembers frequently rely on the men and women of the chaplain's corps to provide spiritual, emotional and mental guidance through these tough times. This week, Samuel Baez, of Waterford Connecticut, is being inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame for his lifelong commitment to helping both active soldiers and veterans find meaning, purpose and religious guidance while in and out of uniform.

In 1962, while deployed to Vietnam, Sam led the memorial service for the first operational deaths of a group of Marines in DaNang. The names of these seven soldiers are now engraved on panel one of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

Despite seeing such horrors during wartime, Sam continued to serve the military community, veterans, and civilians long after retiring from service. He traveled the world and helped counsel individuals of various backgrounds and religious faiths. Sam was able to

translate his experiences in war to help orphans and the elderly both at home and abroad.

Today, Sam remains active in the veterans community, serving as both a chaplain, counseling individual soldiers and veterans, as well as frequently guest speaking to larger groups at a variety of events. Sam and his wife have also opened their home to cadets from the Coast Guard Academy in New London as parental sponsors to provide respite from the rigorous academic environment on campus and to augment their educational experience.

For his tireless devotion to supporting the mental and emotional well-being of American service members, I am proud to recognize Samuel Baez and wish him the best during his induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA BOLLINGER

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandra Bollinger from Sikeston, Missouri for her success in the medical field and service to our community.

Sandra Bollinger has set a wonderful example of hard work and a dedication to serve others. For thirty years Sandra has worked in the medical field as a pharmacist, providing needed care and service to families in southeast Missouri. As a reputable pharmacist and driven businesswoman Sandra also opened and owned the first licensed Class I consulting pharmacy in the state of Missouri.

Ms. Bollinger is a great example of the success a person can reach when they are passionate and motivated about what they do. From serving others behind the counter, to educating new students in medicine, Sandra has truly become a leader in her field.

Outside her normal work, Ms. Bollinger devotes time to volunteer and is active in the community. She has served in numerous organizations using her expertise to advise both adults and the youth.

It is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and accomplishments before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 BARBOURSVILLE INTERMEDIATE LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, according to their team manager, Coach Dell Adkins, the 2014 Barboursville Intermediate Little League All-Stars "had that look in their eyes" this past season when they climbed their way all the way to the best of the best—the World Series in Livermore, California. And what a season it was as they claimed championship after championship including West Virginia District 1, West Virginia State, and the Southeast Regional Championship in Apopka, Florida.

The Barboursville champs compiled quite a team record this past season, as well. They finished All-Stars with a 12–2 record and All-Star play sixth in the world. They outscored opponents 193–69 with a team batting average of 0.438. The defeated State Champions from North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida to win the Southeast Region and California and Michigan during the World Series. And they stole 22 bases during the World Series, just one shy of the World Series record of 23 set by Japan; they also hit 25 homeruns during Southeast Region play.

Individually, the team's contributions are just as exemplary:

Griffin Adkins (CF, Pitcher) tied for the team lead with 24 hits, led the team with 43 total bases and runs scored with 29, tied for team lead with 5 HR's and was the winning pitcher against Michigan during World Series play.

Brody Aliff (1B, Pitcher) was the winning pitcher in the SE region semi-finals against South Carolina, top 4 in southeast region Homerun Derby, scoring 18 runs.

Brett Armbruster (Outfield) had an on base percentage of 0.417 and 8 stolen bases.

Hogan Carter (1B, SS, 3B, Pitcher) led team in slugging avg of 0.976 and RBI's with a total of 23, batted 0.512 and scored 22 runs.

Trey Chapman (SS, Pitcher) led the team in batting average at 0.522 and tied for team lead with 24 hits, second in runs scored with 25, winning pitcher against California during World Series play.

Luke Ellis (Catcher, Pitcher) led the team in on-base percentages at 0.615 and for stolen bases with a total of 21. He was the winning pitcher in SE region championship game against Florida.

Kristian Gerwig (Outfield, Catcher) batted 0.440, and was 2 for 2 with 2 RBI's against California in World Series play.

Jayce Gould (2B, Pitcher) tied for team lead with 5 HR's, second in RBI's with a total of 21, and he had 21 runs scored. He hit the only homerun for Barboursville during World Series play against the eventual World Series Champions Arizona.

Camron Lewis (Outfield, 3B, 1B, Pitcher) batted 0.375 during Southeast Regional play. He pitched one scoreless inning during World Series play against the eventual World Series champions, Arizona.

Austin Perry (Catcher, 3B, Outfield) batted 0.419 during All-Star play with 2 HR's and 11 runs scored.

Ivan Vaughn (Outfield, Catcher) led the team with 3 triples, batted 0.436, scored 15 runs, and had 19 stolen bases.

Peyton Weekly (Catcher, 3B, Pitcher) lead team with 6 doubles, batted 0.478, 16 RBI's, scored 19 runs, and was the winner of the Southeast Region Homerun Derby.

The team was most fortunate to have a talented and dedicated coaching staff that included Manager, Dell Adkins and coaches, Pat Carter and Randy Coyle.

Mr. Speaker, the 2014 Barboursville Intermediate Little League All-Stars not only had that look in their eyes they had good sportsmanship and fair play in their hearts. The invaluable lessons this young team learned on the field during this stellar season under the sound guidance of their coaches will well serve them, as well as our nation, off the field in the years and decades to come.